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SUBJECT: USE OF KWAJALEIN FOR NASDA TRACKING STATION

REF: (A) TOKYO 3033, (B) STATE 91016

1. NASDA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICER KENJIRO SASE (REPLACEMENT FOR TSUNAHIRO FURUYA) CALLED ON SCICOUNS TO REACTIVATE ISSUE OF USE OF KWAJALEIN FOR NASDA DOWNRANGE TRACKING STATION. VISIT WAS FIRST SEMI-OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S LETTER OF APRIL 19.
2. SASE STATED THAT DUE TO FAILURE OF ISS-1 SATELLITE, PLANS ARE NOW BEING MADE TO LAUNCH AN ISS-2 SATELLITE IN FEB. 1978, PROVIDED THAT NATIONAL SPACE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM NOW UNDER GOJ EXAMINATION IS APPROVED. APPROVAL IN FORM OF FY 1977 BUDGET IS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL SPRING OF 1977. LAUNCH OF ISS-2 WILL REQUIRE RETURN OF PORTABLE TRACKING STATION TO KWAJALEIN FROM CHRISTMAS ISLAND FOLLOWING LAUNCH OF ETS-2 SATELLITE. USE OF KWAJALEIN AGAIN WILL REQUIRE REVISION AND/OR EXTENSION OF PRESENT USG/GOJ KWAJALEIN AGREEMENT AND NASDA HAS REQUESTED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY TO ASK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO MAKE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION TO EMBASSY.
3. TRW, THE NASDA CONTRACTOR FOR DOWNRANGE TRACKING, HAS INFORMED NASDA THAT AT LEAST ONE YEAR WILL BE REQUIRED TO GET RF LICENSE APPROVAL AFTER AGREEMENT IS RENEWED. BASED ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, NASDA IS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT NEGOTIATIONS

WITH USG FOR RENEWAL MAY DRAG ON AND IS THEREFORE PUSHING FOR QUICK ACTION BY FOREIGN OFFICE. SASE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY PARTICULAR PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH PRESENT AGREEMENT, BUT EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEWS THAT PERHAPS FOREIGN OFFICE MIGHT NOT BE TOO HAPPY ABOUT CONTINUED USE OF ISLAND WHICH IS SITE OF USG MILITARY ACTIVITY.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT PROMPTLY IF FOREIGN OFFICE INSTITUTES ACTION. THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT GOJ WASHINGTON EMBASSY WILL BE USED AS CHANNEL, OF COURSE.

5. FYI: TRW VP HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO SELL NASDA A SECOND PORTABLE TRACKING STATION FOR INSTALLATION AT CHRISTMAS ISLAND, USING ARGUMENT THAT COST OF NEW STATION WOULD BE EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN COST OF MOVING EXISTING STATION TO CHRISTMAS AND RETURNING IT TO KWAJALEIN. NASDA APPEARS TO LIKE THIS APPROACH BUT APPARENTLY IS HAVING DIFFICULTY IN CONVINCING STA OR THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. END FYI. SHOESMITH

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